

**A Call to Boost College Graduation Rates**  
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On March 22, 2011, Vice President Joe Biden issued a call to action to boost college graduation rates across the country. This initiative supports the President's goal for the United States to have the best-educated workforce and the highest number of college graduates in the world by 2020. The Vice President released a new College Completion Tool Kit for states and Governors to draw ideas and options from, and announced a new grant competition focused on helping institutions of higher education boost completion rates.

The College Completion Tool Kit identifies seven no-cost or low-cost strategies that Governors can use, fifteen related action steps, and a series of existing federal resource streams from which to draw. Some strategies include aligning high school exit and college placement standards, linking state funding to college success in boosting completion rates, and making it easier for students to transfer among colleges.

Completing a college career is vital for Veterans who use the Post-9/11 GI Bill. This benefit is the nation's investment in their future and we want them to succeed by completing their degree. We've posted the College Completion Tool Kit on our school resources page at the link below. We encourage higher education administrators to review the information to see what applies to your school.

LINK: ([http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/college\\_completion\\_tool\\_kit.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/college_completion_tool_kit.pdf)).